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I believe that I am the original inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING  
AN ELECTROCHEMICAL FUEL CELL**

the specification of which was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/998,531, on November 29, 2001.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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No. 60/253,824, filed on November 29, 2000.

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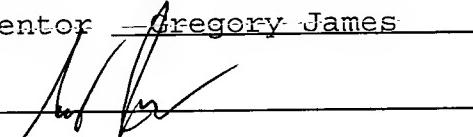
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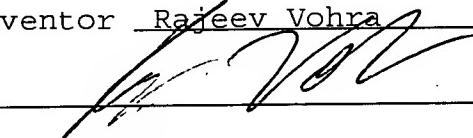
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